

SECRET CONTROL

I. PROJECT

Plan CIRCLE

II. AGENT PSEUDONYM

LARKSPUR (JK 44). JK 44/1 is also engaged on the project.

III. BIOGRAPHICAL FACTS

LARKSPUR: Subject was born 14 January 1912 at Milan. He attended the University of Turin and gained some attention as a champion boxer and Olympic swordsman. During the war he served as a Paratrooper and saw action in the Greek, North African and Sardinian campaigns. After 11 September 1943 subject passed to BADOLIO, and then to OSDIC (Major FATE, British). In August 1944 subject was recruited by Captain NICELLI of OSS/Genoa, and has been employed there ever since. Since Red Partisans killed his father and burned his home in June 1944, subject is very anti-Communism. (KAPOK-Italy #136, 20 June 1947).

JK 44/1: Subject was born at Oraglia in 1914. He was a civil engineer until he entered SIS in 1940. He is no longer connected with that organization.

The above agents have concentrated their activities on the OPERAZIONALE ASSISTENZA RELIGIOSA MORALE OPERAI (OMARMO).

IV. COVER

LARKSPUR was appointed head of the personnel section of the A.T.R.I.V.I. firm which was the cover firm for OMARMO. As such, he was to permit the Rome office of CIG to direct the operation.

V. TARGETS AND TARGET AREA (IN DETAIL)

A. Target area: Italy: Rome and seaports from which illegal immigration might occur.

B. Targets: This operation was mounted and has been directed by CIG, Rome which had permitted us access to the information and documents they have obtained. The target of the operation is the penetration and surveillance of an illegal immigration organization in Rome. Headquarters of the organization is apparent; it utilizes the services of International Red Cross personnel and of at least

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Monsignore Antonio ROMEO.
one Vatican priest, ESD #33's activities have
been centered on the ONARMO which organization
has also engaged in illegal immigration (PIR-1123 & PIRA
210)

- C. Operational approach: In July 1946 CIC, Rome learned of the existence of an organization which sponsored illegal immigration to Spain and South America. It was found in subsequent investigations that passports were issued from the Rome office of the International Red Cross. Further investigations disclosed that the International Red Cross was staffed by a large number of German sympathizers who were facilitating the immigration of Germans to South America. The Vatican connection was revealed in the person of Monsignore Antonino ROMEO, whereupon LARKSPUR was engaged by ESD #33 to penetrate ONARMO. He succeeded in obtaining passage aboard the SS FILIPPA, bound for Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, on 5 December 1946. This was to be an indoctrination trip prior to taking over his duties as head of the personnel section of A.T.R.I.V.I. Before departure he was briefed to observe all passengers and landing points. LARKSPUR returned to Italy in January 1948 and departed on a second trip aboard the FILIPPA in March of the same year.

VI. INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONAL DIRECTION BY WASHINGTON

On 2 May 1947 the Rome office was asked the following questions: (a) policy employed by ONARMO regarding the use of their ships, (b) clarification of the correct designation for ONARMO since some documents had referred to it as OLARMO, and (c) information was also asked on some of the individuals involved in the project. On 18 March 1947 information was requested concerning the alleged presence of Vittorio MUSSOLINI who was ~~alleged~~ SAID to have arrived in Buenos Aires aboard the Filippa.
(PIR-1123 & PIRA-210)

VII. SUPERVISION

ESD #33 through Genoa sub-station. As noted above, CIC, Rome is directing the other aspects of the case.

VIII. TYPE OF INFORMATION PRODUCED

As indicated above, (V, C.), the project has produced voluminous information on the activities of various organizations sponsoring illegal immigration from Italy.

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It has also produced numerous biographies of individuals who have fled Italy ~~with their~~, their biographies, means of obtaining false passports, amounts of money required to obtain said passports, and escape routes. (PIA-1123 which contains biographical data on Hans VORIKER, Walter FUETINGER, 25 February 1947).

IX. COST

None to CIG

X. COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XI. TIMING

N/A. Has been mounted since July 1946.

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